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SECURITY INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM

18 December 1951

SUBJECT: Viorel TRIFA

1. Subject was a leading Iron Guardist in Rumania and is reported to have been a prominent member of the terroristic faction within that organization. There are indications that Subject is still involved in internal Iron Guard politics and that his candidacy for bishop in the United States has been fostered by the Iron Guard operating in its clandestine state. *(Very dangerous)*
2. Subject was president of the National Union of Rumanian Christian Students in Chisinau, Rumania, an organization of the Iron Guard, while that group was still in power. Reports from various sources indicate that Subject participated in large-scale massacres of Jews and Masons in Rumania during that period, notably the burning and looting of the Dudesti and Vacaresti sections of Bucharest in 1941. Following the abortive Iron Guard coup d'etat against General ANTONESCU in 1941, Subject fled with other Iron Guard leaders to Germany where they were given sanctuary by the Nazi government. Subsequently, as a result of their factional bickering, the Germans interned these same leaders in concentration camps in order to keep them under control. Today, many Legionnaires (Iron Guardists) point to their incarceration during the war by the Germans in a misleading attempt to gain sympathy as alleged democratic victims of the Nazis.
3. After the assassination in 1941 of a Major DOERING, Chief of Railway Transport of the German Army in Rumania, Subject is reported to have stated publicly that "American agents, joined by French Masons" had begun to kill "our allies, the Germans" and called on all "real" Rumanians and Legionnaires to "fight and overthrow the traitors."

Final memo written by FDP in answer to request for name check dated 13 Nov 51 from [] for FBI.

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4. On 21 January 1941, there appeared in the Romanian newspaper "Unirea" a report of a speech made by Subject on 19 January 1941 before a group of university students. Subject appeared in his role of President of the National Union of Romanian Christian Students. (see paragraph 2). The meeting, according to the article, opened with the singing of various Legionnaire (Iron Guard) songs, after which TRIFA made his speech, excerpts of which are quoted below.

5. In the beginning of his speech, TRIFA points to an alleged "English-Judeo-Masonic combination for the conquest of nations." He then goes on to state:

"In Italy a man has brought up the youth, the youth has grown up to be a movement, and the movement has created an empire....And this youth of the Duce soon received a friendly hand from across the Alps: National Socialist Germany had arrived. A painter with his healthy spirit is raised to confront Judaism and Masonry from London. Thus has appeared the idea of race....In the new European community, each participates according to his power....Because of the Legionnaire Movement, Rumania is part of the new system...."

6. The article indicates that at various points in the speech the "Giovinezza," "Horst Wessel Song" and "Sfanta Tinerețe Legionară (Holy Legionnaire Youth)" were sung.

7. The above are merely excerpts translated from the speech as it appeared in the newspaper article. A copy of the newspaper in which the article appeared exists for consultation in Washington, if desired.

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